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SUBJ: PAN AMERICAN RAILWAY CONGRESS ASSOCIATION (PARCA) -

EFFORTS TO PROMOTE MEETING OF AMERICAN CONTINENT TRANSPORT
MINISTERS

REF: STATE 138729

1. MARIANO TIRADO, CHIEF TRANSPORT DIVISION,
VENEZUELAN FOREIGN MINISTRY, PREPARING TO SEND INVITATIONS
TO PARCA MEETING FOR THE LAST WEEK OF NOVEMBER. INVITATIONS
SHOULD LEAVE DURING NEXT TWO WEEKS. (PARA 4 REFTEL)

2. TIRADO ALSO REPORTED THAT VENEZUELA HAD BEEN INFORMED IN RATHER
INFORMAL WAY BY GENERAL DIMARCHI OF HIS ATTEMPT TO CALL MEETING OF
CONTINENT TRANSPORT MINISTERS, BUT HAS NO DETAILS AS TO
INTENT OR AGENDA. GOV FEELS THAT WHILE SUCH A MEETING
MIGHT HAVE SOME BENEFITS, IT SHOULD NOT BE CALLED WITHOUT
PROPER PREPARATION, MUTUAL CONSULTATION AS TO PURPOSE,
PREPARATORY MEETING TO SET AGENDA AND AGREEMENT
BY ALL PARTIES THAT SUCH A CONFERENCE MIGHT BRING DEFINITE RESULTS.

3. GOV DOES NOT INTEND TO PURSUE MATTER AND IF APPROACHED
FURTHER BY DI MARCHI INTENDS TO LET HIM KNOW THAT IT FEELS
THAT IT DOES NOT FAVOR SUCH SHORT NOTICE AND LACK OF
PREPARATION. IF OTHER COUNTRIES DECIDE THAT MEETING
SHOULD BE HELD, GOV WILL NOT REFUSE HOSPITALITY.

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4. GOV SEES POTENTIAL BENEFITS IN INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS
REGARDING TECHNOLOGY AND EXPERIENCE EXCHANGE, FREIGHT
RATES, DEVELOPMENTS IN RESPECT TO FOREIGN AID, COORDINATION
OF VARIOUS COUNTRIES' REGULATIONS AND APPLICABLE LAWS.
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